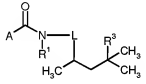
**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

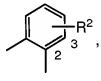
Claims 1-19 (canceled)

Claim 20 (previously presented): A hexylcarboxanilide of formula (I)



(I)

in which

L represents  , L-1

$R^1$ represents hydrogen, $C_1$-$C_8$-alkyl, $C_1$-$C_6$-alkylsulphinyl, $C_1$-$C_6$-alkylsulphonyl, $C_1$-$C_4$-alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl, or $C_3$-$C_8$-cycloalkyl; represents $C_1$-$C_6$-haloalkyl, $C_1$-$C_4$-haloalkylthio, $C_1$-$C_4$-haloalkylsulphinyl, $C_1$-$C_4$-haloalkylsulphonyl, halo-$C_1$-$C_4$-alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl, or $C_3$-$C_8$-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms; represents formyl, formyl-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl, ($C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl)carbonyl-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl, or ($C_1$-$C_3$-alkoxy)carbonyl-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl; represents halo-($C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl)carbonyl-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl, halo-($C_1$-$C_3$-alkoxy)-carbonyl-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl having in each case 1 to 13 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms; represents ($C_1$-$C_8$-alkyl)carbonyl, ($C_1$-$C_8$-alkoxy)carbonyl, ($C_1$-$C_4$-alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl)carbonyl, or ($C_3$-$C_8$-cycloalkyl)carbonyl; represents ($C_1$-$C_6$-haloalkyl)carbonyl, ($C_1$-$C_6$-haloalkoxy)carbonyl, (halo-$C_1$-$C_4$-alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl)carbonyl, or ($C_3$-$C_8$-halocycloalkyl)carbonyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms; or represents $-C(=O)C(=O)R^4$, $-CONR^5R^6$, or $-CH_2NR^7R^8$,

$R^2$ represents hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, methyl, or trifluoromethyl,

$R^3$ represents halogen, $C_1$-$C_8$-alkyl, or $C_1$-$C_8$-haloalkyl,

$R^4$ represents hydrogen, $C_1$-$C_8$-alkyl, $C_1$-$C_8$-alkoxy, $C_1$-$C_4$-alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl, or $C_3$-$C_8$-cycloalkyl; or represents $C_1$-$C_6$-haloalkyl, $C_1$-$C_6$-haloalkoxy, halo-$C_1$-$C_4$-alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl, or $C_3$-$C_8$-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms,

$R^5$ and $R^6$ independently of one another each represent hydrogen, $C_1$-$C_8$-alkyl, $C_1$-$C_4$-alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl, or $C_3$-$C_8$-cycloalkyl; or represent $C_1$-$C_8$-haloalkyl, halo-$C_1$-$C_4$-alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl, $C_3$-$C_8$-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms; or $R^5$ and $R^6$ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated heterocycle having 5 to 8 ring atoms that is optionally mono- or polysubstituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen and $C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl, where the heterocycle optionally contains 1 or 2 further non-adjacent heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulphur, and $NR^9$,

$R^7$ and $R^8$ independently of one another represent hydrogen, $C_1$-$C_8$-alkyl, or $C_3$-$C_8$-cycloalkyl; or represents $C_1$-$C_8$-haloalkyl, $C_3$-$C_8$-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms; or $R^7$ and $R^8$ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated heterocycle having 5 to 8 ring atoms that is optionally mono- or polysubstituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen and $C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl, where the heterocycle optionally contains 1 or 2 further non-adjacent heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulphur, and $NR^9$,

$R^9$ represents hydrogen or $C_1$-$C_6$-alkyl, and

A represents a radical of formula (A1)

(A1)

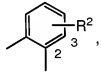
in which

$R^{10}$ represents hydrogen, hydroxyl, formyl, cyano, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, nitro, $C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl, $C_1$-$C_4$-alkoxy, $C_1$-$C_4$-alkylthio, or $C_3$-$C_6$-cycloalkyl; represents $C_1$-$C_4$-haloalkyl, $C_1$-$C_4$-haloalkoxy, or $C_1$-$C_4$-haloalkylthio having in each case 1 to 5 halogen atoms; or represents aminocarbonyl or aminocarbonyl-$C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl,

$R^{11}$ represents hydrogen, chlorine, bromine, iodine, cyano, $C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl, $C_1$-$C_4$-alkoxy, or $C_1$-$C_4$-alkylthio; or represents $C_1$-$C_4$-haloalkyl or $C_1$-$C_4$-haloalkylthio having in each case 1 to 5 halogen atoms, and

$R^{12}$ represents hydrogen, $C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl, hydroxy-$C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl, $C_2$-$C_6$-alkenyl, $C_3$-$C_6$-cycloalkyl, $C_1$-$C_4$-alkylthio-$C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl, $C_1$-$C_4$-or alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl; represents $C_1$-$C_4$-haloalkyl, $C_1$-$C_4$-haloalkylthio-$C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl or $C_1$-$C_4$-haloalkoxy-$C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl having in each case 1 to 5 halogen atoms; or represents phenyl.

Claim 21 (previously presented): A hexylcarboxanilide of formula (I) according to Claim 20 in which

L represents 

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$R^1$ represents hydrogen, $C_1$-$C_6$-alkyl, $C_1$-$C_4$-alkylsulphinyl, $C_1$-$C_4$-alkylsulphonyl, $C_1$-$C_3$-alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl, or $C_3$-$C_6$-cycloalkyl; represents $C_1$-$C_4$-haloalkyl, $C_1$-$C_4$-haloalkylthio, $C_1$-$C_4$-haloalkylsulphinyl, $C_1$-$C_4$-haloalkylsulphonyl, halo-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl, or $C_3$-$C_8$-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms; represents formyl, formyl-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl, ($C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl)carbonyl-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl, or ($C_1$-$C_3$-alkoxy)carbonyl-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl; represents halo-($C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl)carbonyl-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl, halo-($C_1$-$C_3$-alkoxy)carbonyl-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl having in each case 1 to 13 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms; represents ($C_1$-$C_6$-alkyl)carbonyl, ($C_1$-$C_4$-alkoxy)carbonyl, ($C_1$-$C_3$-alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl)-carbonyl, or ($C_3$-$C_6$-cycloalkyl)carbonyl; represents ($C_1$-$C_4$-haloalkyl)carbonyl, ($C_1$-$C_4$-haloalkoxy)carbonyl, (halo-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl)carbonyl, or ($C_3$-$C_6$-halocycloalkyl)carbonyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine atoms; or represents -C(=O)C(=O)$R^4$, -CONR$^5$R$^6$, or -CH$_2$NR$^7$R$^8$,

$R^2$ represents hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, methyl, or trifluoromethyl,

$R^3$ represents fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, $C_1$-$C_6$-alkyl, or $C_1$-$C_6$-haloalkyl having in each case 1 to 13 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms,

$R^4$ represents hydrogen, $C_1$-$C_6$-alkyl, $C_1$-$C_4$-alkoxy, $C_1$-$C_3$-alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl, or $C_3$-$C_6$-cycloalkyl; or represents $C_1$-$C_4$-haloalkyl, $C_1$-$C_4$-haloalkoxy, halo-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl, or $C_3$-$C_6$-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms,

$R^5$ and $R^6$ independently of one another each represent hydrogen, $C_1$-$C_6$-alkyl, $C_1$-$C_3$-alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl, or $C_3$-$C_6$-cycloalkyl; or represents $C_1$-$C_4$-haloalkyl, halo-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl, or $C_3$-$C_6$-halocycloalkyl having in each case having 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms; or $R^5$ and $R^6$ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated heterocycle having 5 or 6 ring atoms that is optionally mono- to tetrasubstituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen and $C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl, where the heterocycle optionally contains 1 or 2 further non-adjacent heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulphur, and $NR^9$,

$R^7$ and $R^8$ independently of one another each represent hydrogen, $C_1$-$C_6$-alkyl, or $C_3$-$C_6$-cycloalkyl; or represent $C_1$-$C_4$-haloalkyl, $C_3$-$C_6$-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms; or $R^7$ and $R^8$ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated heterocycle having 5 or 6 ring atoms that is optionally mono- or poly-substituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen and $C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl, where the heterocycle optionally contains 1 or 2 further non-adjacent heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulphur, and $NR^9$,

$R^9$ represents hydrogen or $C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl, and

A represents a radical of formula (A1)


(A1)

in which

$R^{10}$ represents hydrogen, hydroxyl, formyl, cyano, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, methoxy, ethoxy, methylthio, ethylthio, or cyclopropyl; represents $C_1$-$C_2$-haloalkyl or $C_1$-$C_2$-haloalkoxy having in each 1 to 5 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms; or

represents trifluoromethylthio, difluoromethylthio, aminocarbonyl, aminocarbonylmethyl, or aminocarbonylethyl,

$R^{11}$ represents hydrogen, chlorine, bromine, iodine, methyl, ethyl, methoxy, ethoxy, methylthio, ethylthio, or $C_1$-$C_2$-haloalkyl having 1 to 5 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms, and

$R^{12}$ represents hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, $C_1$-$C_2$-haloalkyl having 1 to 5 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms, hydroxymethyl, hydroxyethyl, cyclopropyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, or phenyl.

Claims 22-23 (canceled)

Claim 24 (previously presented): A hexylcarboxanilide of formula (I) according to Claim 20 in which $R^1$ represents hydrogen, formyl, or -C(=O)C(=O)$R^4$, where $R^4$ is as defined for formula (I) in Claim 20.

Claim 25 (canceled)

Claim 26 (previously presented): A hexylcarboxanilide of formula (I) according to Claim 20 in which $R^3$ represents halogen.

Claim 27 (previously presented): A hexylcarboxanilide of formula (I) according to Claim 20 in which $R^3$ represents $C_1$-$C_8$-alkyl.

Claim 28 (previously presented): A hexylcarboxanilide of formula (I) according to Claim 20 in which $R^3$ represents $C_1$-$C_8$-haloalkyl.

Claim 29 (canceled)

Claim 30 (previously presented): A composition comprising one or more hexylcarboxanilides of formula (I) according to Claim 20 and one or more extenders and/or surfactants.

Claim 31 (withdrawn): A method of controlling unwanted microorganisms comprising applying an effective amount of one or more hexylcarboxanilides of formula (I) according to Claim 20 to the microorganisms and/or their habitats.

Claims 32-37 (canceled)